



**KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Approved

Monday, November 23, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS:

Charles Collom (absent)
Deborah Fabos (excused)
Doug Jauch
Fawn Dessy (excused)
Jean Lockhart (absent)

Jeff Burdick
Kate Tandy
Richard Hofferd
Nicole Villaruz
Bill Walker

Stephanie Hermeston
Traco Matthews
Sonia Silva
Nancy Solis

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachel Mehia, Turning Point
Robyn Garcia, Clinica Sierra Vista
Amber Smith, BBHH
Lorre A Webb, CSUB

Marissa Treviso, Clinica Sierra Vista
Jaime Contreras, Turning Point
Mary Sawyer, Portfolio Properties
David Kessler, KCSO

Rachelle Ramirez, Telecare
Katie Sons, TAASK
Jim Wheeler, FLOOD

KernBHRS (Behavioral Health and Recovery Services)

Alison Burrowes
Lesleigh Davis
Stacy Kuwahara
Tonya Mann
Rhonda Barnhard

Shannon Tolar
Christina Rajlal
Lynn Corse
Connie Hanson
Jessica Armstrong

1. Welcome and Introductions:
 - Dr. Kate Tandy welcomed all in attendance and provided self-instructions.
 - Dr. Kate Tandy welcomed new Behavioral Health Board Member Nancy Solis.
2. Establish Quorum: 9 present 4 absent; quorum established.
3. Approval of Draft October 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes: Correction to names of Richard Hofferd, Doug Jauch and Charles Collom. MOTION by Jeff Burdick to approve minutes with corrections and seconded by Doug Jauch to approve October 26, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
APPROVED ALL AYES.
4. Presentation by: Bill Walker and Tony Perez, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, "Legislative Updates".
 - Bill reviewed CBHDA (County Behavioral Health Director's Association) Strategic Plan 2021-2023 and CBHDA Position Bills Legislation Signed into Law 2020 in great detail addressed questions and comments.
5. Public Comment: None



6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. Chair Report – Dr. Kate Tandy –

- Director Recruitment
 - Kate mentioned that the interviews for the director have now concluded and the board should have a decision before Christmas.
- Vote on the New Behavioral Health Board Executive Committee Slate of Officers. Approved all AYES.
 - New slate of officers for 2021 are:
 - Chair – Charles Collom
 - 1st Vice Chair – Sonia Silva
 - 2nd Vice Chair – Stephanie Hermeston
 - Parliamentarian – David Kessler
 - Kate also suggested that Richard Hofferd assist when needed due to his experience in serving on the board.
- Vote on the 2020 Data Notebook.
 - Lesleigh gave a short overview on the Data Notebook to the new board members.
 - Kate motioned the board to vote on the Data Notebook. Richard Hofferd motioned to approve Data Notebook, Traco Matthews second the motion. Approved all AYES.
- Recognition: Members term ending and participation on the board.
 - Kate thanked all the board members who are terming out at the end of the year and spoke on each board member and their time on the board.
 - Kate thanked Bill for all his years of service at BHRS and his years on the board.

9. Administrative Services Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Deputy Director

- Stacy has seen an increase in the number of staff and reported COVID cases.
- Stacy believes that the next few weeks will be challenging as the numbers continue to increase and the holidays draw near.
- Stacy will monitoring and make sure that essential services continue with minimal disruption.
- In regard to QID Stacy and her team are preparing for the upcoming audits.
- Stacy spoke on the NACT (Network Adequacy Compliance Tool) and some challenges that have come up and the corrective action plan.
- Stacy spoke on the challenges regarding telehealth and providing services to our clients.

10. Administrative Services Report – Alison Burrowers, Deputy Director

- Alison shared that BHRS partnered with Bakersfield Recovery Services, College Community Services, and the City of Taft to distribute NARCAN and provided training this past weekend. Alison gave a brief explanation of NARCAN and how it can reverse the effects of an overdose.
- Alison shared that BHRS is continuing to increase our Behavioral Health street response and adding additional evidence-based practices and best practices both into the street outreach programing and into the ongoing treatment.
- Alison shared that we are expanding our collaboration with FLOOD Ministries and designated a van as part of the program.
- BHRS is continuing to work with the all the shelter and working with CAPK at the county to implement onsite training to support their identification with behavioral health issues and help with the crisis de-escalation onsite.
- Regarding the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) audit. Robin will be doing a summary presentation on our department response and recommendations next year. Alison shared that

we are working diligently to intensify the outpatient services for our conservatives in our community and looking at enhanced placement options.

- Training Services collaborated with City Serve and faith leaders in the community to bring a mental health training virtually.
- Alison thanked all the board members who are terming out and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

11. KernBHRS Department Report – Bill Walker, Director

- Bill thanked all the board members who are terming out at the end of the year. Fawn for serving on the committee that developed Laura's Law, Kate for serving as our chair and the SQIC committee, both Doug and Jeff for helping us build out our mobile evaluation services.
- Bill thanked the sitting board members and the new board members.

12. Board Member Item:

- Richard addressed the board and shared that he became aware that some county and Behavioral Health Board staff were sent to Northern California to assist with the fires.
- Richard would like to see more presentations on local emergencies and law enforcement personnel. More information on PAL, the sheriffs rescue, and other local agencies such as Pathways.
- Bill would like to assign this to the executive committee for further discussion.
- Jeff addressed the board and shared that it has been a pleasure serving on the board and thanked everyone.
- Doug addressed and thanked the board. Doug shared that David Kessler will be a great asset to the board.
- Traco thanked all the board members who will be terming out and thanked Bill for all his years of service.

13. Public Announcements: NONE

MOTION by Jeff Burdick to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Doug Jauch. Next regular meeting January 25, 2021, VIA Microsoft Teams

APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Items Distributed

Behavioral Health Board Agenda
Minutes from October 26, 2020
CBHDA 2021-2023 Strategic Plan
CBHDA Position Bills – Legislation Signed into Law 2020